Course Offerings 2026–27

Subject Requirements	Required Courses Grades 9–11	Upper Division Courses	
English *Four years required*	English 9 English 10 English 11 (H)	**Seminars +** Asian American Literature (H) British Romanticism (H) Detective and Crime Fiction (H) Literature and Jazz (H) Lyric Poetry (H) Postcolonial Literature, Thought, and Theory (H)	Postmodern Literature: Hybrid Genres (H) Queer Lit (H) Short Stories (H) The 1950s: Conformity and Rebellion (H) The Great American Novel (H) Wit Lit – The Art of Satire (H)
History *Three years required*	History 9 History 10 (H) History 11 (H)	**Seminars +** Civil Society and American Democracy (H) Economics (H) Global Indigenous Studies (H) History of Repair and Reconciliation (H) History of the Holocaust (H)	Oakland Through Many Lenses (H) Psychology (H) Revolutions (H) The Civil Rights Movement (H) Women in Modern America (H)
Science *Three years required*	Physics 9 Chemistry (H) Biology Biology (H)	Advanced Chemistry (H)* Anatomy and Physiology* Astronomy* Environmental Science (H) Neurobiology (H)* Planetary Science	Physics (H) Principles of Engineering (H) Principles of Engineering 2 – Civil and Environmental (H)* Principles of Engineering 2 – Mechanics and Machines (H)* Principles of Organic Chemistry*
Mathematics *Three years required*	Geometry Geometry (H) Algebra 2 Algebra 2 (H) Precalculus Precalculus (H)	Calculus Calculus (H) Data Science (H)* Finance* Multivariable Calculus (H) Linear Algebra (H)	

World Languages

World Languages *Three years required; Students must complete Level 3 of one language*	French 2 French 3 French 4 (H) French Language and Culture (H) French Literature and Cinema A (H) French Literature and Cinema B (H)	Latin 1 Latin 2 Latin 3 Latin 4/5 (H) Latin Seminar A (H) Latin Seminar B (H)	Mandarin 2 Mandarin 3 Mandarin 4 (H) Mandarin 5 (H) Mandarin: Language and Culture (H) Mandarin: Literature and Cinema A (H) Mandarin: Literature and Cinema B (H)	Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3 Spanish 4 (H) Spanish 5 (H) Spanish Electronic Music Production Spanish Language and Culture (H) Spanish Seminar A (H) Spanish Seminar B (H)

Arts Electives

Introductory Courses	Advanced Courses *One year of Advanced Art required*
2D Art	Advanced 2D Art Studio Art Portfolio (H)
3D Art – Beginning Ceramics	Advanced 3D Art – Ceramics
Dance 1	Dance 2 Dance 3 Dance Production (H)
	Chorus Colla Voce
Drama 1 Theater Production	Drama 2 Drama 3 Drama 4 (H)
Intro to Graphic Design	Advanced Graphic Design Advanced Graphic Design - Yearbook
	Jazz Band 1 Jazz Band 2
	Orchestra
Photography 1	Photography 2 Photography 3 Photography Portfolio (H)
Technical Theater 1	Technical Theater 2

Other Electives

Computer Science	CS 1: Intro to CS, Engineering, and Robotics CS 2: Principles and Practices of CS (H) CS 3: Data Structures (H) CS 4: Intro to AI and Machine Learning (H)* CS 4: Cybersecurity and Ethical Hacking (H)*
Humanities	Expository Writing Speech / Debate 1 Speech / Debate 2
Global Online Academy (GOA)	Head-Royce is a founding member of GOA, a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world whose mission is to translate into online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools.

Legend

(H) Honors, which is a rigorous, college-level curriculum

\+ All English and History Senior Seminars are semester-long courses

* Semester-long senior elective

Grading System and GPA Equivalents (an additional point is added to the GPA for each Honors course)

A	93–100	4.0	B+	87–89	3.3	B-	80–82	2.7	C	73–76	2.0	D+	67–69	1.3
A-	90–92	3.7	B	83–86	3.0	C+	77–79	2.3	C-	70–72	1.7	D/F	<66	1.0